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Alleged corruption on the part of the police, etc., in the disturbed areas of Malabar.

604 Q.—Mr. K. KUNHAMAD KOYA SAHIB: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received information regarding reports of corrupt practices on the part of the police and other subordinate officials serving in the disturbed areas of Malabar and whether they have ordered a general departmental inquiry into the conduct of such subordinate officials, with special reference to the rebellion; and

(*b*) the number of police, magisterial, village and other subordinate officials, serving in the disturbed tracts who have been departmentally punished on charges of corruption and highhandedness in connexion with the rebellion?

A.—(*a*) The Government have received no such reports and have not ordered any such general departmental inquiry. They are satisfied that the local officers are alive to the duty of investigating and dealing with any complaint of misconduct arising out of the rebellion and they understand that in the few cases of this kind which have come to light action has been taken.

(*b*) The Government are not in possession of information but will call for it.

Adoption of improved methods of agriculture.

605 Q.—Mr. A. T. PALMER: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the approximate number of private individuals that have actually adopted improved methods of agriculture in the districts where Government model farms are situated both in regard to manures and implements of cultivation?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. A. T. PALMER:—"If it will not give much trouble, may I ask the Government to obtain the information?"

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU:—"The information asked for, Sir, is to state the approximate number of private individuals that have actually adopted improved methods of agriculture in the districts where Government model farms are situated in regard to both manures and implements of cultivation. I am afraid it will be something like taking a census of agriculturists and it will be a very difficult thing indeed. I do not think that the information asked for will be commensurate with the expense and trouble involved."

Towns in the Presidency provided with pipe water.

606 Q.—Mr. A. T. PALMER: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the names of towns that have been provided with pipe water within the last five years?

A.—Protected water-supply installations have been opened during the past five years in the municipalities of Ellore, Erode and Masulipatam.